

"TELL MY FRIENDS TO BE BRAVE AND FEARLESS, AND LOYAL TO THE GREAT COMMON PEOPLE."

CLOSING

Exercises of Another Successful Year's Work of the Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute.

The baccalaureate sermon preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday by Dr. A. J. Arrie, of Louisville, was the beginning of the closing exercises of another successful year's work of the Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute. While the day was very disagreeable, yet, a good audience was out to hear the Louisville Theologian, who found his text Psalms, 119: 130: "The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth light to the simple."

Under the leadership of Miss Mary D. Cox, the choir, composed of herself, Mrs. C. C. Williams, Miss Grace Cox, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Houk, Claude and W. A. Cox, Eugene Mullins and Victor Tate, sang the beautiful songs: "The Holy Trinity," "God The Father Almighty," "Hymn Of Salvation" and "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah," which added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. Dr. Arrie's sermon was learned and scholarly; full of wisdom and logic.

Each and every entertainment, given during the week, was attended by large and appreciative audiences. On Monday night, was given the primary entertainment in which some twenty or twenty-five of the little folks took part, and the splendid way, in which they all performed their part, was most assuredly very encouraging to the parents and especially to their most excellent teacher, Miss Mitchell, who so thoroughly trained them. "Snow on the Barn Roof," recited by Mattie Baker; "The Dollie's Bazaar," by Hamie Estes, and "Naughty Zell," by Lela May Lovell were especially good. The piano solos, played by Lela May Lovell, Ralph Forrester, Eva Fish, Kittie Poyner and Cora Griffin, and the guitar solo by Charlie McKenzie, showed each one to have considerable talent along this line. "Crowning The Fairy Queen," was the principal feature of the programme. Miss Mattie Baker was the Queen and Benny Griffin the Prince.

The Junior entertainment on Tuesday night, was one of the most striking features of the entire week's programme. Each and every one of the participants performed their task well, with great credit to themselves, and much to the satisfaction of their splendid teacher, Miss Owings. The rendition of "My Uncle," by Miss Lillie Taylor; "Love Without Arms," by Chester Landrum and "Brought Back," by Miss Nannie Carnahan were especially enjoyed. Charles Whitehead, who is making rapid progress on the guitar, then favored the audience with a beautiful solo. The plays: "Which Will He Marry" and "A Regular Fix," were very laughable from the first to the last. Frank Miller and Cossie Sutton, the two leading characters in the plays, acted their parts well. Willie Krueger, Conn Brown, Burdette McKenzie, Burdette Houk, Charley Whitehead and F. L. Thompson, Jr., Misses Delfie Collier, Amy Pike, Alza Thompson, Della Arnold, Berdie Estes, Rissie Williams, Mattie McFerron, Minerva Price, Fannie Collier, Mae Sowder, Clyde Cass and Rosa Gentry also did well. It is useless to say, that the musicale given under the control of our most excellent music teacher, Miss Mary D. Cox, was a success. The four years, which Miss Cox has been in our midst as a teacher and the splendid results, which she has had, is sufficient recommendation. Every number on the programme, was splendid, and the large audience, which filled the College Chapel to its full capacity, fully enjoyed it. The number, "Spring Flowers," a chorus, was sung by sixteen beautiful young ladies;

piano solos were played by Misses Mae Magee, Fannie Sparks and Rissie Williams; Ernest Ewers and Miss Vinnie Adams each played violin solos, and Charles Whitehead, a guitar solo. "Little Miss Muffet" and "A Man in the Moon" quartets sang by Claud Cox, Eugene Mullins, Victor Tate and Ernest Ewers, was one of the most enjoyable part of the evening. Miss Alza Thompson and Miss Cox, Miss Gladden Ewers and Miss Cox and Miss Cora Griffin and Miss Cox played piano duets and the "Spinning Song" a solo, by Miss Margaret McClary were specially entertaining. Mrs. S. N. Davis, on account of a severe cold, was unable to sing her solo. The College Orchestra, composed of Miss Mary D. Cox, as leader, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Davis, Misses Vinnie Adams, Bessie Houk, Clyde Cass and Margaret McClary; Charlie Whitehead and Ernest Ewers, added much to the programme.

The term, of the Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute, which came to a close last night, has been in very particular, a thoroughly successful one, and one which has been very gratifying to the patrons, friends and citizens in general. The number enrolled during the year, was much larger than ever before in the history of the school. Prof. Ewers has won much praise for himself for the efficient manner in which he has controlled the school, and has the full confidence of every one, in his ability to conduct the school. In work, Prof. Ewers has been ably assisted by a splendid corps of teachers. Miss Minnie Mitchell, of Tenn. who had charge of the Primary department, has not only won the confidence and affection of her pupils, but the people in general. Miss Mitchell is very much at home in the school room, and the art, to know how to successfully handle little folks, is something that belongs to but few people.

Miss Annie Owings, the teacher of Latin and Greek, was a graduate of Caldwell college and was specially prepared for her work. While she has been connected with the college only a very short time, yet during that time, she has proven herself in every particular equal to the task. Miss Berda Martin, who had charge of the Intermediate department has done splendid work and won much praises for herself. It is useless for us to say, that the work, of Miss Cox, has been a success. The entertainment given Wednesday night, was sufficient proof. The large class, which she had this year, as well as every other year, since she has been with us, is enough to show the people confidence in her ability as a teacher.

The C. C. Williams prize of a set of McCauley's History of England, was awarded to Miss Minerva Price for the greatest improvement and highest grades during the year.

The prize of a gold medal pin, offered by the Principal of the school to all pupils who attended every day and without any tardy marks, was won by Ralph Forrester, Lee Chestnut, George Childress, Ellen Wild, Chas. McKenzie and Miranda White.

The prize, offered by Miss Mary D. Cox, to the pupil in her Sunday school, who made the best progress, was awarded to George Childress, a son of Squire John Childress, and a brother of Dr. W. J. Childress, of Livingston. The prize was a handsome Bible.

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BRODHEAD

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Martin went to Junction City Monday.

Mrs. L. L. Jarrett, of our town, went to Mt. Vernon Monday.

Miss Lonella Jarrett entered school at Livingston, last week.

Mrs. Dr. J. S. Burdett made a flying trip to Crab Orchard, last Saturday.

Messrs. H. C. Frith and Cleve Cable was in Mt. Vernon, Tuesday night.

Bro. Pike went to Gilead church in Madison county, last Saturday and returned home Monday.

Miss Bettie Wilmott, who is in school at Livingston, came home Saturday and returned Monday.

There were quite a crowd attended the funeral of Hugh Martin, from Junction City, last Thursday.

Miss Birda Hilton, of Lancaster, has been with homefolks for a few days, and Miss Birda is looking well.

Our hustling editor, Mr. Albright, passed down through our town and back from Crab Orchard, last Monday.

Mrs. Mary Collier, Miss Etta Pike and W. A. Carson all attended the commencement at Mt. Vernon, Tuesday night.

Mr. Robert Wilmott, who has a position with the Eight Gables Hotel at Livingston, was home Friday and returned Monday.

Mr. Willie Martin, who has been away to Lincolnton, Va., for a year, came in last week and will spend a few weeks with homefolks. Willie is looking well.

Rev. G. D. Hendrickson, of our town, who has been over into Ind. and Ill., for the last six weeks, returned home Tuesday, but he has been called as pastor of two churches in those States and will probably move away in the near future.

Messrs. James Woods, D. S. and G. S. Griffin, passed through our town Tuesday night with Mr. E. K. Wilson taking him to Frankfort. Mr. Wilson and his attorneys have left no stone unturned, and nothing undone, that could be done to keep him out of the penitentiary, but alas, he had to go, and if he is guilty of the crime of which he is charged, he ought to spend the remaining part of his life there. There was a time when he could have saved his own shame, and the life of poor Miss Mary Cloyd, and in so doing he became a transgressor, and the way of the transgressor is hard. But we hope the man is not guilty.

Mr. Hugh Martin, the young man that we reported last week as being so near death's dark door, passed quietly away last Wednesday night at 12:20 o'clock. And we can say to his father, sisters and brothers, that in giving up Hugh, they have surrendered up a precious jewel; but Heaven has received one. And when we look at the Providence of Almighty God, in the taking of this boy, and see it from a human standpoint, it presents to us a mystery that we cannot understand, but if we look at it from the true Bible, and Christian standpoint, it may bring joy and consolation instead of grief. I do not say, however, that the Christian religion explains everything in this life, but I do say, it lays down certain principles, which are consoling in trouble. We know that business men often telegraph each other in cipher. The merchant in San Francisco telegraphs to the merchant in New York, certain information in cipher, which no other merchant in that line of business understands, but both of these men have a key to the cipher, and on that information, transmitted by cipher, are enterprises involving hundreds of thousands of dollars. Now, the providences in life sometimes seems to be a senseless and mysterious cipher, but God, who sends the message has a key to it, and the Christian who is his child, has a key to the cipher, and although we may hardly be able to spell out the meaning, yet we can get enough of the meaning to enable us to understand that in some way it is for the best. Now then, we do know that God wanted in some way to take you brother Martin, and all the members of your family home to Heaven, and to do this He must begin somewhere, and in some way; and so He first took the boy's mother, then

one of the children and then another and now he comes and by the hand of death He takes Hugh, blessed boy. And sometimes He takes the most beautiful, and most accomplished; and those most ready to go. Now why all of this? The religion of Jesus Christ, in the soul, gives the answer, and explains everything so far as it is best for us to understand. Now God says that all things work together for good to them who love the Lord. But as we stood and watched the heart broken father with the step-mother, brothers, sisters and relatives bow with grief over the lifeless form of Hugh, we said in our mind, where is there anything in this awful scene, that can bring good, or consolation to any one? I said, will it be the flowers that may be copiously strewn upon his tomb? Oh, no. I said, will it be the services that may be rendered by the Red Men's cross, of which he was a member, oh, no. But when we looked up to God for an answer, it came. The chief consolation on that scene and on his grave, is that truth and promise that falls from the throne of God; and brings with it sun shine; glorious sunshine; yes resurrection sunshine. So my dear brother, your departed boy, and loved ones who are gone, are only away for their health: in a better climate, and when you see them again, oh, what a change there will be. Oh! think of it, they are now among the saved and redeemed of the Lord. Where there is no more tolling of the bell for the dead. But they are moving with that Celestial procession of Kings and Priests, a long and glorious procession, but no black tasseled vehicles, no mourning groups in that mighty company. My brother, if you could only see your blessed boy as he now takes his position with that great procession, and hear Jesus say to him, thou shalt hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on thee, nor any heat, and to know that the Lamb of God which is in the midst of the company, shall lead him to living fountains of water; and that God has wiped all tears from his eyes. Now as we see Hugh in this new and blessed home, surrounded by mother, sisters and relatives, with Jesus Christ, his elder brother, all given him by the blessed Christ. It ought to be enough to cause us to take the veil of morning off our face, and to unglove our hand, and give it to God in congratulation, on that blessed scene; and say, dear Lord, forgive me for ever complaining to give up my precious boy, for it would take an article as long as eternity to tell of the joys and blessedness that Hugh has entered into. But with all the promises that Jesus has left his father and his many friends still his death has cast a gloom and sadness over our little town, and his many friends. He was buried in the family burying ground, at Mr. Martin's old home. So may the blessings of God rest upon all the bereaved ones, in our prayer.

WABD

M. C. Sowder left Sunday for Woolridge Tenn.

Robt and Joe Norton, two of our best farmers and citizens, were in your town Monday.

The cold has put the farmers to getting in wood and making fires instead of planting corn.

Miss Allie Moore returned Sunday from a four weeks visit to her brother at East Bernstadt.

Eddie Mitchell and Lizzie Cress were taken to the Masonic Orphans Home at Louisville Monday.

The infant child, of Mr. and Mrs. Alie Mink, died Friday and was buried Saturday in the Scaggs Creek burying ground.

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